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1. SPEAKING WITH FONMIN POLITICAL ADVISOR BERNSTEIN ON JUNE 12, DCM REFERRED TO RECENT GOC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AMB. DAZA IN CARACAS WOULD REPRESENT GOC AT PANAMA SELA MEETING (REF A) AND INQUIRED ABOUT GOC'S VIEW OF SELA AND OF PANAMA MEETING.

2. BERNSTEIN SAID GOC STILL HAS ONLY VERY FUZZY NOTION OF SPONSORS' CONCEPT OF SELA. WHEN VENEZUELAN SPECIAL EMISSARY WAS HERE IN MARCH 1975 (SANTIAGO 1458), HE WAS UNABLE TO ANSWER A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS ABOUT PROPOSED ORGANIZATION.

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3. ON THE OTHER HAND, BERNSTEIN SAID GOC POSITION WAS MADE

CLEAR IN SAME TERMS BOTH TO VENEZUELAN SPECIAL EMISSARY AND TO PRESIDENT PEREZ IN LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET. GOC POSITION IS THAT IT WELCOMES ALL INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE LATIN AMERICAN UNITY BUT IT WISHES AVOID ANYTHING WHICH COULD GIVE RISE TO CONTENTION BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES OR BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES. BERNSTEIN SAID EMISSARY GAVE ASSURANCES SELA NOT DESIGNED PROMOTE LA-US CONFRONTATION.

4. AS FOR PANAMA MEETING, BERNSTEIN SAID THAT FOR REASONS NOT YET CLEAR, PANA SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF THE MEETING. PANAMA ORIGINALLY EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO "MINISTERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES". ACCORDINGLY, GOC DESIGNATED AMB. DAZA AS REPRESENTATIVE. SUBSEQUENTLY PANAMA CHANGED INVITATION TO MINISTERS ONLY. TO THIS GOC HAS REPLIED THAT MEETING OF MINISTERS APPEARS UNTIMELY UNTIL THEIR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE PREPARED THE GROUNDWORK, INCLUDING A DRAFT DOCUMENT FOR THE MINISTERS TO CONSIDER. BERNSTEIN SAID GOC UNDERSTOOD THAT ESSENTIALLY THIS SAME POSITION WITH REGARD TO CHARACTER OF MEETING BEING TAKEN BY ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, BOLIVIA AND BRAZIL.
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